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PATENT *K. M. Wells*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Takayuki SUGAHARA

Serial No. 09/469,499

:Prior Group Art Unit: 2713

CPA of application filed: 22 December 1999

:Prior Examiner Y. Lee

For: REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING  
USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as  
amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above identified continued prosecution  
application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims ~~23-27~~, and rewrite the remaining claims as follows.

*Clean Copy of Rewritten Claims*

*E1 Sub F1 cont* 18 (Twice Amended). A reproduction apparatus providing reproduction  
protection, for operating on main data which are conveyed by a data medium, the  
apparatus comprising:

means for detecting medium protection data which are also conveyed by

5 said data medium;